

I am concerned that the FCC is going to "review" laws that prohibit the same company from owning both a newspaper and a TV station in the same geographic area and laws that limit the percent of the national audience that a single cable company can reach. Considering recent corporate mergers in the entertainment and media industry, this law is now of greater importance than ever. Besides the wholly predictable result of a single company controlling a town's TV stations, radio stations, cable company and only newspaper, critics warn that elimination of this rule will essentially signal the absorption of the newspaper business into the television industry, with a negative impact on the quality of print journalism. Altering the cross-ownership ban will not serve the public interest and will abolish the reputation of numerous news outlets in the future.